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1. Nowa Huta. The foundry and workshops are working. Two new coke batteries (bateria koksowa) are to be opened in 1954, one in the first half of the year and another in the second, each producing 4,000 tons of coke daily, on the basis of 80% coke recovery from coal.
2. Coal and Coke Output. The 1953 production plan calls for 88 million tons of coal. In the first half of the year 100% of the planned figure was achieved.
3. The Poles have recently found a new way of producing coke, using a mixture of 70% of ordinary coal and 30% of coking coal, and in this way they plan to produce 7,500,000 tons of coke in 1953 and eight million tons in 1954.
4. There are no new installations for the production of coke planned or in construction, apart from those at Nowa Huta. However, old foundries are being expanded and new coke batteries are being added.
5. Oil. Poland produces 220,000 tons of oil a year.
6. Natural Gas. Poland produces 1,000 million cubic meters of natural gas a year. Imports from the Boryslaw region, USSR, total 80 million cubic meters a year.
7. Synthetic Gasoline. The total annual production of synthetic gasoline amounts to 20,000 tons. A single factory at Oswiecim is the sole producer.
8. Synthetic Rubber. One small, pre-war factory with a very low production rate produces all of Poland's synthetic rubber.
9. Production of Nitrogen Compounds. A third factory at Kedzierzyn is being built, in addition to the two pre-war factories producing nitrogen compounds.

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10. Export Figure Statistics. Official export figures are generally correct, except those concerned with chemical production, which are inaccurate in quantity and type of chemical product. For example, if they are not capable of producing some high grade nitrogen products, they produce instead bicarbonate of soda, and substitute this production figure for that of nitrogen compounds.
11. Production Policy. There is no sign of a switch-over from the production of capital goods to consumer goods, but rumors are circulating in industrial circles that orders for this change in policy are expected shortly from Moscow.

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